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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information which may be considered material to patentability of this application. This information is listed on the accompanying form.

Copies of documents 1-18, which are listed on the accompanying form, PTO/SB/08A, have not been submitted since submission of copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications is no longer required under 37 CFR 1.98.

A copy of document 19, which is also listed on PTO/SB/08A, is enclosed herewith.

The enclosed document may have markings thereon. Applicants are not presently aware of the source of those markings, and no significance is meant to be attached thereto.

Applicants respectfully request that these documents be fully considered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application and printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants also respectfully request that a copy of PTO/SB/08A (1 page), submitted herewith, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next communication.

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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for any reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

A check in the amount of One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$180.00) payable to the Director, U. S. Patent & Trademark Office also is enclosed herewith to cover the fee due in connection with this submission.

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